(d) Several new line projects have been taken up to increase the rail route. Details of new lines opened during 1995-96 and 1996-97 and likely to be completed during the remaining period of the 8th Five Year Plan are as under:

Name of the Section	States	Length (kms)	Remarks
1. Damanjodi-rayagada	Orissa	145	Completed
2. Beas-Goindwal	Punjab	27	Completed
3. Chhitauni-Bagaha	UP/Bihar	19	Completed
4. Karanjali-Nischantpur	West Bengal	08	Work in Progress
5. Jogighopa-Goal-para	Assam	10	—do—
6. Khajuri-Mohana	M.P.	41	—do—
	KONKAN RAILWAY		
1. Udupi-Kundapura	Karnataka	32	Completed
2. Veer-Khed	Maharashtra	51	-do-
4. Chiplun-Kun-dapura	Maharashtra/ Karnataka	532	work in progress

Fare concession for research scholars

3320. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are providing concessions in railway tickets to full-time research scholars in recognised Universities while proceeding to their home towns during vacation or while going to approved places in connection with their research work;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the norms prescribed for providing such travel concessions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ):(a) to (c) The research scholars upto the age of 35 years, are eligible for 50% concession in second and sleeper class fares when travelling in connection with research work only, on production of the requisite certificate from Registrar of the University or Director of Public Instruction.

कच्छ क्षेत्र में नई रेल लाइनों के लिए प्रस्ताव

3321. श्री गोपाल सिंह जी सोलंकी: क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान कच्छ क्षेत्र में रेल मार्गों के संबंध में गुजरात सरकार द्वारा भेजे गए प्रस्तावों का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) प्रस्तावों के अनुसार उक्त क्षेत्र के रेल मार्गों की कुल लम्बाई कितनी है;

(ग) इन प्रस्तावों के कार्यान्वयन हेतु स्वीकृत योजनाओं और आबंटित धनराशि का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) राज्य सरकार के कुछ प्रस्तावों को नामंजूर कर देने के क्या कारण है?